

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of visually delineating a relationship between related graphical objects in a graphical user interface, the method comprising:

associating at least one a first icon with a first set of at least two diverse, but related graphical objects, said first icon having an associated first color scheme, and associating a second icon with a second set of at least two diverse, but related graphical objects, said second icon having a second color scheme, said first and second icons being distinguishable from each other;

when one of said related graphical objects a graphical object in said first set is displayed, displaying said first icon within said displayed graphical object in said first set, and when a graphical object in said second set is displayed, displaying said second icon within said displayed graphical object in said second set; and

wherein said displayed graphical objects in said first and second sets are recognizable as related by the persistence of said icon with said associated color scheme in said displayed graphical objects first and second icons, respectively.

2. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of visually delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, as per claim 1, wherein said first icon is displayed within a visible portion of each of said first set of displayed graphical objects and said second icon is displayed within a visible portion of each of said second set of displayed graphical objects.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of visually delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, as per claim 1, wherein said persistence of said first icon with said ~~associated~~ first color scheme provides user assistance when traversing a series of graphical templates.

6. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of visually delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, as per claim 1, wherein said related graphical objects comprise any of: graphical windows, toolbars, rulers, wizards, titlebars, tables and icons.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, said method comprising:

associating at least one icon with a first graphical object, said icon having an associated color scheme;

displaying a second graphical object diverse from, but related to said first graphical object;

displaying said icon within said second object, and

wherein said second object is recognizable as related to said first object by the persistence of said icon with said associated color scheme, and said icon associated with said

first and second graphical object being distinguishable from icons associated with other related graphical objects.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, as per claim 7, wherein said first and second objects are located within a graphical user interface.

9. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, as per claim 7, wherein the persistence of said icon with said associated color scheme between said first and second objects provides user assistance when traversing a series of graphical templates.

10. (Previously Presented) A computer-based method of delineating a relationship between related graphical objects, as per claim 7, wherein said first and second objects comprise any of: graphical windows, toolbars, rulers, wizards, title bars, tables and icons.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of graphically illustrating a progressive relationship between a series of related graphical objects comprising:

associating ~~at least one a~~ a first icon with a first graphical object, said first icon having a ~~specified~~ first color scheme;

displaying said first icon with said ~~specified~~ first color scheme within said first graphical object;

progressively displaying a series of graphical objects diverse from, but related to said first graphical object, said one or more related graphical objects ~~to reflect reflecting~~ an evolution of progression of development of said first graphical object, and

wherein said first icon with said specified color scheme is displayed within each of said related graphical objects, and said first icon associated with an evolution of progression of development of said first graphical object being distinguishable from a second icon associated with an evolution of progression of development of a second graphical object.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of graphically illustrating a progressive relationship between a series of related graphical objects as per claim 12, wherein the persistence of said first icon with said first specified-color scheme between said related objects provides user assistance when traversing a series of graphical templates.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of graphically illustrating a progressive relationship between a series of related graphical objects as per claim 12, wherein said related graphical objects ~~reflecting an evolution of progression of development of said first graphical object~~ collectively comprise a user assistance wizard.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use with a graphics display device, said computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means included in said medium:

said computer readable program code means embodying a method for:

associating ~~at least one-a~~ first icon with ~~at least two-a~~ first set of diverse, but, related graphical objects, ~~wherein said~~ first icon ~~has having~~ an first associated-color scheme, ~~and~~

associating a second icon with a second set of at least two diverse, but related graphical objects, said second icon having a second color scheme, said first and second icons being distinguishable from each other;

when one of said related graphical objects a graphical object in said first set is displayed, displaying at least one replica of said said first icon within said displayed graphical object in said first set, and when a graphical object in said second set is displayed, displaying said second icon within said displayed graphical object in said second set; and

wherein said displayed graphical objects in said first and second sets are recognizable as related by the persistence of said icon with said associated color scheme in said displayed graphical objects said first and second icons, respectively.

16. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use with a graphics display device, said computer program product as per claim 15, wherein said first icon is displayed within a visible portion of said displayed graphical object in said first set and said second icon is displayed within a visible portion of said displayed graphical object in said second set.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use with a graphics display device, said computer program product as per claim 15, wherein said persistence of said first icon with said first associated color scheme provides user assistance when traversing a series of graphical templates.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use with a graphics display device, said computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means included in said medium:

said computer readable program code means embodying a method for:

associating ~~at least one~~ a first icon with a first graphical object, said icon having a ~~specified~~ first color scheme;

displaying said first icon with said first specified color scheme within said first graphical object;

progressively displaying a series of graphical objects diverse from, but related to said first graphical object, said one or more related graphical objects ~~to reflect reflecting~~ an evolution of progression of development of said first graphical object, and

wherein said first icon with said specified color scheme is displayed within each of said related graphical objects, and ~~said first icon associated with an evolution of progression of development of said first graphical object being distinguishable from a second icon associated with an evolution of progression of development of a second graphical object.~~

20. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for use with a graphics display device as per claim 19, wherein said related ~~graphical objects reflecting said evolution of progression of development of said first graphical object~~ collectively comprise a user assistance wizard.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-based system with visually related graphical objects comprising:

~~at least one a first icon retained in computer storage, said first icon having an associated color scheme and associated with a first graphical object;~~

a display visually instantiating ~~a first set of one or more graphical objects~~ diverse from, but related to said first graphical object;

wherein said ~~first icon~~ with said associated color scheme is replicated within a visual space of said displayed one or more graphical objects related to said first object, and

wherein ~~said one or more displayed objects in said first set of graphical objects are~~ visually recognizable as related due to the persistence of said icon with said associated color scheme ~~and said first icon associated with said first and related first set of graphical objects being distinguishable from a second icon associated with a second and a related second set of graphical objects.~~

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-based system with visually related graphical objects as per claim 21, wherein the persistence of said ~~first icon~~ with said associated color scheme between said first and related ~~first set of graphical~~ objects provides user assistance when traversing a series of graphical templates.